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SUBJECT: ONE DISSIDENT'S REACTION TO SOLZHENITSYN EXILE

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

REF: MOSCOW 1911 AND PREVIOUS

1. SOVIET DISSIDENT INTELLECTUAL, SINOLOGIST VITALIY RUBIN, REACTED TO SOLZHENITSYN DEPARTURE FOR FRG WITH SPONTANEOUS DELIGHT AND RELIEF. NEWS BECAME KNOWN DURING FEB. 13 LUNCHEON FOR DEPARTING WESTERN DIPLOMAT ATTENDED BY RUBIN, WHO BELIEVED JEWISH DISSIDENTS SUCH AS HIMSELF WOULD TAKE HEART FROM SOVIET DECISION TO LEVY SANCTION IN FORM OF FOREIGN EXILE RATHER THAN JAIL OR INVOLUNTARY JOURNEY TO SIBERIA. NON-JEWISH DISSIDENTS MIGHT REACT DIFFERENTLY, HE CONCEDED, BUT MANY ETHNIC RUSSIANS HAD LOST HOPE FOR INTERNAL DEMOCRATIZATION AND WERE INCREASINGLY ATTRACTED TO FOREIGN EXILE AS LEAST MISERABLE ALTERNATIVE.

2. RUBIN ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT NOTED DEMOCRATIC ACTIVIST
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PAVEL LITVINOV HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO REBUILD

MEANINGFUL LIFE SINCE RETURNING TO MOSCOW FROM EXILE IN
NOVEMBER 1972 AND HAS APPLIED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL (MOSCOW A-4).

3. RUBIN'S OWN SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED (REFTEL). HE HAS
IDEAS ABOUT CURRENT ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN IN CHINA BUT HAS
DECIDED AGAINST PUBLISHING THEM SINCE ONE RATIONALE FOR HIS
EXIT APPLICATION IS HIS PROFESSIONAL INACTIVITY.
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